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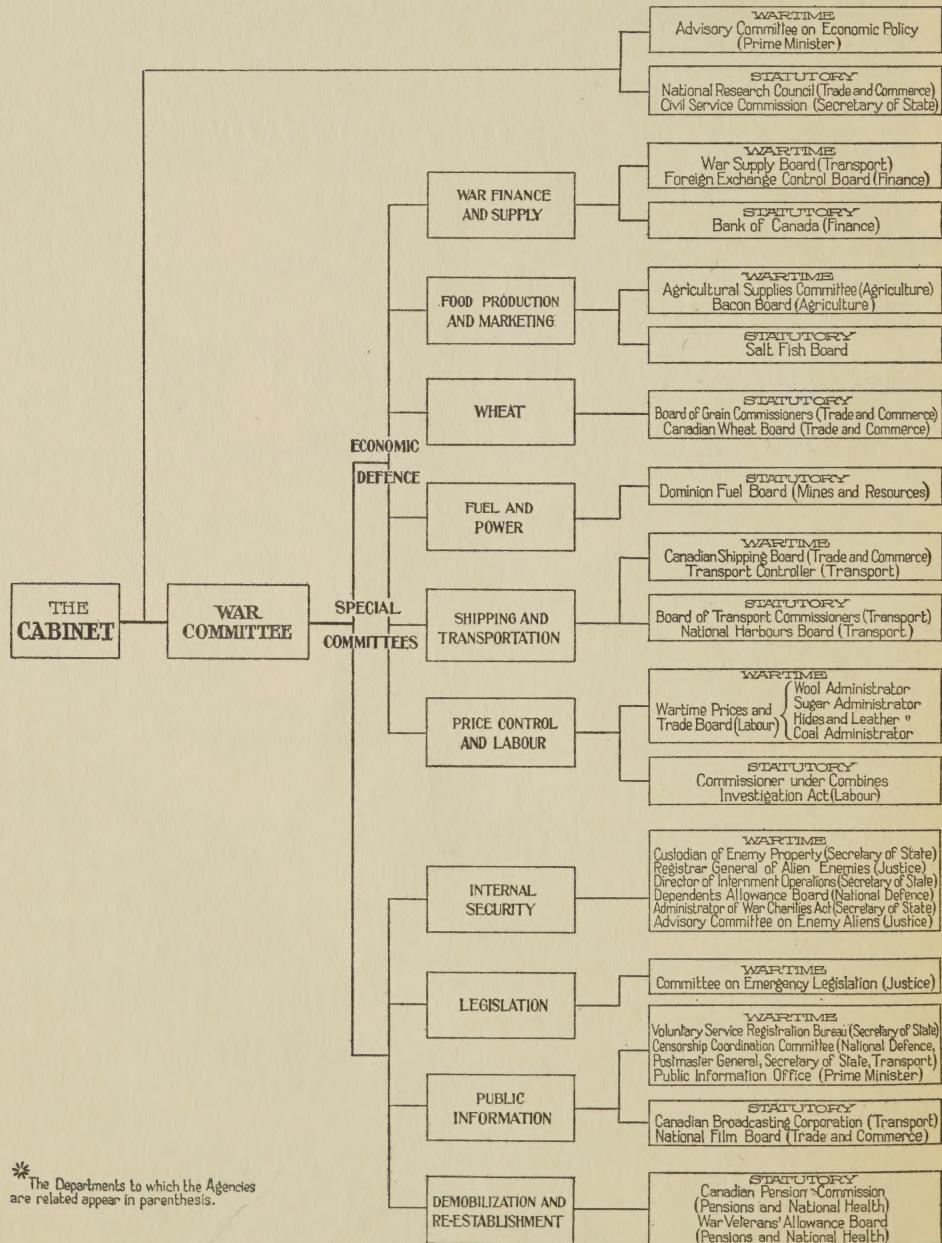
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* The Departments to which the Agencies are related appear in parenthesis.

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Canada's war effort has been organized by, and is under the direction of the Canadian Cabinet.

A Committee of the Cabinet, known as the War Committee, has been established to give special consideration to major questions of policy and defence. This Committee is presided over by the Prime Minister, and is composed, for the most part, of senior members of the Cabinet.

In order to secure, under direction of the Cabinet, effective supervision and co-ordination of the various activities of government related to Canada's war effort, a number of special Committees of the Cabinet have been constituted, charged with the consideration and supervision of specific and inter-related aspects of Canada's war activities.

The responsibility and work of the special Committees are supplementary to, and in no way a substitute for, the responsibility of each Minister of the Crown for the work of the department or departments of government over which he presides, and for the agencies of government related to such department or departments.

To facilitate the work of the Committees of the Cabinet in the consideration of specific problems, to assist in avoiding duplication of effort by departments and agencies, and in furthering the effective co-ordination of economic and financial policy in war time, an Advisory Committee on Economic Policy has been established, composed of members of the Public Service of Canada.

The purposes of the several Committees, and of the agencies of government which are related to them, are as outlined herein. The personnel of the Committees is also indicated.

WAR COMMITTEE

Purpose

To consider questions of general policy; to consider reports from special and other Committees; and to co-ordinate war activities; the said Committee to have power to call before it any official or employee of the government, and any officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of Canada, whose duty it shall be to render the Committee assistance in the discharge of its duties, and, in particular, to accord the Committee information upon any subject concerning which information may be requested.*

Personnel

Prime Minister (Convener); Leader of the Government in the Senate; Minister of Justice; Minister of Finance; Minister of National Defence; Minister of Mines and Resources.

* This Committee has taken over the functions of the former Canadian Defence Committee of the Cabinet, as well as the functions of the Emergency Council set up on August 30, 1939.

COMMITTEE ON WAR FINANCE AND SUPPLY

Purpose

To consider matters in any way relating to war finance, including credits, loans, and foreign exchange; also to consider matters relating to the production and distribution of war supplies (other than food and fuel products), the mobilization of industry, the construction of buildings, and the provision of equipment and munitions.

Personnel

Minister of Finance (Convener); Minister of National Revenue; Minister of National Defence; Minister of Public Works; Minister of Transport; Minister of Agriculture.

Related Agencies Specially Established for War Purposes:

War Supply Board

Purpose

To take necessary steps to mobilize, conserve and co-ordinate the economic and industrial facilities available in respect of munitions, supplies and defence projects for the effective prosecution of the war, and to procure munitions and supplies and provide for the execution and carrying out of defence projects, and to ensure a proper allotment of such munitions and supplies to such agencies as may require them.

Personnel

W. R. Campbell (Chairman); R. C. Vaughan (Vice-Chairman); C. E. Gravel; W. C. Woodward; G. W. Scott (Administrative Secretary).

Foreign Exchange Control Board

Purpose

To have control of foreign exchange and foreign trade, and related matters.

Personnel

G. F. Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, (Chairman); W. C. Clark, Deputy Minister of Finance, (Deputy Chairman); H. D. Scully, Commissioner of Customs; L. D. Wilgress, Director of the Commercial Intelligence Service; N. A. Robertson, Department of External Affairs; J. E. Coyne, (Secretary).

Statutory Body also related to Work of Committee:

Bank of Canada

COMMITTEE ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND MARKETING

Purpose

To consider matters relating to the production in Canada and marketing by or for producers of foodstuffs of all kinds.

Personnel

Minister of Agriculture (Convener), Minister of Trade and Commerce, Minister of Fisheries, Minister of Mines and Resources, Minister of Finance, Honourable J. A. MacKinnon.

Related Agencies Specially Established for War Purposes:

Agricultural Supplies Committee

Purpose

To make provision for constructive direction of agricultural production, and for dealing with matters pertaining to the purchase, preparation, and conservation of agricultural products.

Personnel

A. M. Shaw (Chairman), R. S. Hamer, E. S. Archibald, A. T. Charron, J. M. Swaine, S. R. M. Hodgins (Secretary).

Bacon Board

Purpose

To control and make regulations respecting the marketing and export of bacon and other pork products.

Personnel

Hon. J. G. Taggart (Chairman), S. E. Todd, L. C. McOuat, Adrien Morin, L. W. Pearsall (Secretary-Manager).

Statutory Body also Related to Work of Committee:

Salt Fish Board

COMMITTEE ON WHEAT

Purpose

To co-ordinate governmental policy and advise Council in respect to the performance of such duties and exercise of such powers as are imposed or conferred by the Canadian Wheat Board Act.

Personnel

Minister of Trade and Commerce (Convener), Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Mines and Resources, Minister of Finance.

Statutory Bodies Related to Work of Committee:

Board of Grain Commissioners

Canadian Wheat Board

COMMITTEE ON FUEL AND POWER

Purpose

To consider matters relating to fuel and power resources, and the conservation, import and export of fuel and power.*

Personnel

Minister of Mines and Resources (Convener), Minister of Trade and Commerce, Minister of Transport, Minister of National Revenue, Honourable J. A. MacKinnon.

Statutory Body Related to Work of Committee:

Dominion Fuel Board

* This Committee has taken over the functions of the former Fuel Committee of the Cabinet.

COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION

Purpose

To consider matters relating to shipping and transportation arising out of the war.

Personnel

Minister of Transport (Convener), Minister of Trade and Commerce, Minister of Labour, Minister of National Defence.

Related Agencies Specially Established for War Purposes:

Canadian Shipping Board

Purpose

To provide for the restriction and control of voyages between ports outside of Canada or between ports in Canada and ports outside of Canada of British ships registered in Canada; to deal with applications for priority of shipping space; generally to assist in providing ocean transport for Canadian export trade.

Personnel

Major J. G. Parmelee, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce (Chairman); The Director of Shipping; T. C. Lockwood, Transport Controller; H. L. Keenleyside, Department of External Affairs; R. K. Smith, Department of Transport; A. W. Merriam, Department of National Revenue; Commander J. A. Heenan, Department of National Defence; F. E. Bawden, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Transport Controller

Purpose

To deal with all applications for preference or priority of movement to be given to any class or classes of troops, naval forces, materials or supplies on behalf of any of the Allied Governments, or their agencies; and also to deal with such applications as may be made by private parties.

Personnel

T. C. Lockwood.

Statutory Bodies also Related to Work of Committee:

Board of Transport Commissioners
National Harbours Board

COMMITTEE ON PRICE CONTROL AND LABOUR

Purpose

To consider matters relating to the movement of wholesale and retail commodity prices; the distribution of consumer's goods; the cost of living; and labour relations.

Personnel

Minister of Labour (Convener), Minister of Trade and Commerce, Minister of National Revenue, Minister of Public Works, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Fisheries.

Related Agency Specially Established for War Purposes:

Wartime Prices and Trade Board

Purpose

To provide safeguards under war conditions against any undue enhancement in the prices of food, fuel, and other necessities of life, and to ensure an adequate supply and equitable distribution of such commodities.

Personnel

H. B. McKinnon, Commissioner of Tariff, (Chairman); F. A. McGregor, Department of Labour; David Sim, Commissioner of Excise; C. B. Hebert, Tariff Board; A. M. Shaw, Department of Agriculture; K. W. Taylor, (Secretary).

Special Administrators under the Board: D. C. Dick, (Wool); S. R. Noble, (Sugar); Maurice Samson, (Hides and Leather); J. M. Stewart, (Coal).

Statutory Body also Related to Work of Committee:

Commissioner under Combines Investigation Act

COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY

Purpose

To consider matters relating to the maintenance of public safety and order in wartime, and relations with the provinces incident thereto.

Personnel

Minister of Justice (Convener), Secretary of State, Minister of National Defence, Minister of Pensions and National Health, Honourable J. A. MacKinnon.

Related Agencies Specially Established for War Purposes:

Custodian of Enemy Property

Purpose

In the name of the Crown to act as custodian of the property, real and personal, of interned enemy aliens.

Personnel

The Under-Secretary of State.

Registrar General of Alien Enemies

Purpose

To supervise the registration of all enemy aliens.

Personnel

Brigadier S. T. Wood, Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Director of Internment Operations

Purpose

To be responsible for the supervision and co-ordination of internment operations throughout Canada.

Personnel

Brigadier-General E. de B. Panet.

Dependents Allowance Board*Purpose*

To deal with regulations making provision for the issue of dependents allowance, matters pertaining to eligibility for, and the issue of said allowance.

Personnel

Arthur MacNamara (Chairman); Colonel S. H. Hill, Major J. G. Raymond, Arthur Brown, Paymaster Captain M. J. R. Cossette, Temporary Flying Officer W. A. Kenzie.

Administrator of War Charities Act*Purpose*

To supervise and control the conduct of war charities under the War Charities Act.

Personnel

W. Gordon Gunn, Department of the Secretary of State.

Advisory Committee on Alien Enemies*Purpose*

To conduct hearings upon appeals of interned enemy aliens from orders of restriction and detention, and to report to the Minister of Justice.

Personnel

Judge F. Smiley (Chairman); W. P. J. O'Meara, Department of Secretary of State; Jacques Fortier, Department of Transport.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Purpose

To examine the form and content of all recommendations to Council under the War Measures Act; to ensure regularity of procedure in respect to the same; to co-ordinate Orders in Council passed under the War Measures Act; and to examine all war legislation proposed for submission to Parliament.

Personnel

Postmaster General (Convener), Minister of National Revenue, Minister of Justice, Minister of Pensions and National Health.

Related Agency Specially Established for War Purposes:

Committee on Emergency Legislation

Purpose

To consider and report to the government upon special wartime legislation required for the defence of Canada.

Personnel

C. P. Plaxton, Department of Justice, (Chairman); J. F. MacNeill, Department of Justice, (Secretary); R. S. Hamer, Department of Agriculture; J. E. Read, Department of External Affairs; M. H. Wershof, Department of External Affairs; W. C. Clark, Department of Finance; W. M. Dickson, Department of Labour; Col. R. J. Orde, Department of National Defence; Col. M. A. Pope, Department of National Defence; A. W. Merriam, Department of National Revenue; F. E. Jolliffe, Post Office Department; C. E. Rivett-Carnac, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; W. P. J. O'Meara, Department of Secretary of State; F. E. Bawden, Department of Trade and Commerce; J. Fortier, Department of Transport.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

Purpose

To consider matters relating to censorship, public information, and voluntary civilian service.

Personnel

Minister of Labour (Convener), Postmaster General, Minister of National Defence, Secretary of State, Honourable J. A. MacKinnon.

Related Agencies Specially Established for War Purposes:

Voluntary Service Registration Bureau

Purpose

To direct and have general control of the tabulation, organization and co-ordination of all voluntary offers of service for the defence of Canada, and such other activities as may be decided upon in relation to the state of war now existing.

Personnel

E. H. Coleman, Under-Secretary of State, (Chairman); Major J. F. Cummins, Department of National Defence; Major G. W. Ross, Post Office; J. F. Delaute, Department of Secretary of State; Miss E. E. Saunders, Civil Service Commission; Major M. F. Gregg, House of Commons.

Censorship Co-ordination Committee

Purpose

To direct and co-ordinate the censorship activities of the several departments of government of Canada.

Personnel

Col. M. A. Pope (Chairman); L. C. Moyer and Claude Melançon (Joint Press Censors); F. E. Jolliffe (Chief Postal Censor); Lt.-Col. W. W. Murray (Cable Censor); J. A. Sullivan; Lt.-Commander C. P. Edwards; Lt.-Col. R. P. Landry.

Public Information Office

Purpose

To collect, co-ordinate and disseminate information relating to Canada's war effort.

Personnel

G. H. Lash (Acting Director); George Hambleton.

Statutory Bodies also Related Work of Committee:

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*

National Film Board

* The co-operation of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been enlisted for the purpose of supplying information to the public regarding Canada's war effort. The ordinary activities of the Corporation are, however, not under the control of the government.

COMMITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT

Purpose

To give consideration to and report regarding problems arising from the demobilization from time to time of members of the armed forces and their rehabilitation into civil life.

Personnel

Minister of Pensions and National Health (Convener), Minister of Public Works, Minister of National Defence, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Labour, Honourable J. A. MacKinnon.

Statutory Bodies Related to Work of Committee:

Canadian Pension Commission
War Veterans' Allowance Board

AGENCIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE WHOLE CABINET

Related Agency Specially Established for War Purposes:

Advisory Committee on Economic Policy

Purpose

To facilitate the work of the Committees of the Cabinet in the consideration of specific problems, to assist in avoiding duplication of effort by departments and agencies, and in furthering the effective co-ordination of economic and financial policy in war time.

Personnel

W. C. Clark, Deputy Minister of Finance, (Chairman); G. F. Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada; H. D. Scully, Commissioner of Customs; H. B. McKinnon, Chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board; G. S. H. Barton, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources; L. D. Wilgress, Director of the Commercial Intelligence Service; R. H. Coats, Dominion Statistician; Lt.-Col. Henri Des Rosiers, Associate Acting Deputy Minister of National Defence; N. A. Robertson, Department of External Affairs.

Statutory Bodies:

National Research Council Civil Service Commission

